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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON YUCELER VISIT: U. S. DOES NOT ACCEPT
OPIUM CAPSULE PROPOSAL

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1. IN A BRIEF STORY CARRIED ON AN INSIDE PAGE ON
AUGUST 21, DAILY TERCUMAN'S WASHINGTON BUREAU
REPORTED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE YUCELER'S COMMENTS
ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.
YUCELER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE PROPOSED THAT, UNTIL
THE ALKOLOID PLANT REACHES FULL PRODUCTION, OPIUM
CAPSULES THAT WE HAVE ACCUMULATED BE PURCHASED BY THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THEY (U.S. OFFICIALS) INDICATED
THAT THIS MATTER IS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE FIRMS, AND
THAT, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY
OF THE GOVERNMENT ENGAGING IN THE OPIUM TRADE."

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2. REPORT ALSO MENTIONED DISCUSSIONS WITH PETER
BENSINGER, IDENTIFIED AS THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE
NARCOTICS OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IT WAS REPORTED
THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS DWELLED ON
IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY AT
A CERTAIN LEVEL, WITH RESPECT TO POPPY SOWING AND

CULTIVATION.

3. COMMENT: IMPACT OF THIS STORY LIKELY TO BE MINIMAL.
ON THE WHOLE, STORY'S TONE IS FACTUAL AND NOT UNFAVORABLE
TO U.S. ITS NEGATIVE ASPECT REFLECTS COMMON TURKISH
MISCONCEPTION THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ENGAGE IN COMMERCE
TO EXTENT THEIRS DOES. END COMMENT.
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